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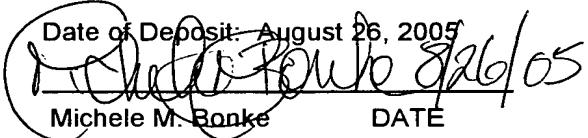
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT of Chad E. Bouton, et al. for METHOD FOR DISCRIMINATING BETWEEN OPERATING CONDITIONS IN MEDICAL PUMP.

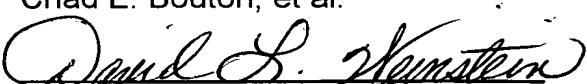
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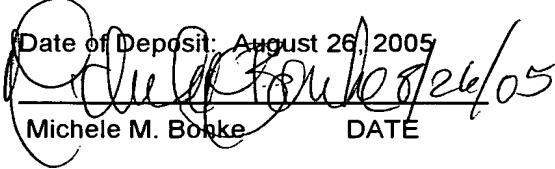
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed August 9, 2005, Applicants hereby elect to have the invention of Species A (claims 3-9) for prosecution on the merits.

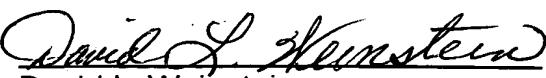
Claims 1-9 are readable on Species A.

This election is made without traverse.

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